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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF HAN ET AL

APPLICATION NO: 09/728,653

FILED: 12/01/2000

FOR: Alpha-Ketoamide Inhibitors of Hepatitis C Virus NS3 Protease

EXAMINER: David Lukton

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Sir:

**Request for reconsideration under 37 CFR 1.111**

The Office Action dated June 18, 2003 was set with a three month shortened statutory response period ending September 18, 2003. In response, the applicants submit the following amendments and remarks and respectfully request reconsideration of application no. 09/728,653.